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Someday, We Must Take a Stand

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If the increasing frequency of derogatory news stories in the press is any barometer, it now appears that the Red hounds are in full cry for the hide of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

Recent leaks to the press on Capitol Hill have indicated that President Nixon plans to replace Hoover with Jerris Leonard, presently heading up the civil rights division of the Justice Department. The reports, of course, may be nothing more than a trial balloon but they are nonetheless disturbing.

It was almost inevitable that this would come about. Only Hoover's sterling reputation, his years of service to the American people and the high esteem in which he is held by the public have forestalled the attack this long.

For the Reds have had their sights on Hoover for a long time. The very fact they and their liberal allies now feel secure enough to openly take him on is an ill omen indeed for the American people. For Hoover and his department are among the few remaining deterrents to the total subversion of every institution in American society.

While testifying in closed hearings before a Special Congressional Committee after his defection to America in 1961, former Polish intelligence officer, Col. Michael Goleniewski made known the presence of 19 Americans working in important capacities for the Soviet Secret Police in the CIA, State Department and various scientific laboratories. It is interesting to note that Goleniewski told the committee that, to the best of his knowledge, only the FBI had not been infiltrated by communist agents.

The colonel and his wife defected when information he had been supplying the United States from behind the Iron Curtain began coming back to him in his capacity as a high official in the communist secret police. He knew it would not be long before he was arrested by the Reds.

Unfortunately, it is one of the enigmas of our time that despite the abundance of proof to the contrary, most Americans seem incapable of believing that a native born American would ever commit treason in the service of a foreign ideology.

From the early 1930s, when Agnes Smedley, an American writer, was work-

ing Shanghai and Tokyo with the Richard Sorge spy ring, a succession of Americans have been shown to have betrayed their country in the service of the USSR.

Smedley was never a card-carrying communist, nor did she ever associate with the local communist parties in the countries in which she worked. Yet she served her Red masters well for over 20 years.

Sorge, while posing as a loyal Nazi, and while a press attache at the German Embassy in Tokyo, was able to avert a Japanese attack on the USSR, and two months prior to the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, informed Soviet intelligence that the Japanese were getting ready for an attack in the Pacific but would not attack the Soviet Far East as the Russians feared.

Despite the evidence disclosed over the years, however, both about this case and others such as those of Alger Hiss, the Rosenbergs and David Greenglass, the American people seemingly refuse to become aroused by the threat facing them lest they be labeled extremists or witchhunters by the communists and their sympathizers.

In the years since they spirited away our atomic secrets the communists have grown bolder with each passing day. It is now an everyday happening to see the Red clenched-fist salute, Reds defiantly teach and speak in our colleges and infiltrate our youth, labor and other social movements and institutions. And although we see the results of such activities all around us we seem too paralyzed to defend ourselves.

Compounding the enigma is the fact that anyone who attempts to point out this treason, halt their activities or bring them to justice is subjected to a campaign of abuse and villification by the press, the liberals and even by some government officials. The pattern is always the same. No matter the stature of the individual who singles these traitors out, and regardless of the esteem in which he may have been held until that time, he is from that moment on portrayed as a Fascist, a nut or an extremist.

Meanwhile, the traitors in question are depicted as harassed and besmeared innocents who are nothing more than humanitarians attempting to remedy the horrible inequities of the American imperialist society.

The Reds and their allies have ruined more than one good man by these tried and proven tactics. Their campaigns of villification have successfully prevented the American people from rallying to the support of sincere and patriotic leaders who have repeatedly attempted to warn them of the peril which they face. This, then, is the nature of the campaign that is and will be waged to discredit and replace Hoover.

Already they have denounced the FBI for keeping tabs on Daniel Bennett, a Swarthmore College professor, whose name appeared in the documents stolen recently from the Media, Pa. FBI office. No mention is made of the fact that since that time, the professor himself reportedly disclosed his support of the Black Panther organization and acknowledged that a leaflet calling for the support of the Philadelphia branch of that revolutionary organization was printed on equipment housed in his garage.

Similarly, the attack on Hoover by Rep. Hale Boggs (D. La.) has so far produced no supportive evidence for Boggs' charges that the FBI was tapping the telephones of congressmen and senators.

One supposes that it is too much to expect that the American people would for once rally to the support of one of their most distinguished public servants. A protest such as was made in the case of Lt. Calley would, if made, squelch the move on Hoover once and for all.

If they are ever to stem the tide of Red subversion the American people will sooner or later have to make a stand. Hopefully they will do so before it is too late. They would do well to begin by rallying to the support of one of their stalwarts, J. Edgar Hoover. We need him for as long as his health and age will permit him to serve.